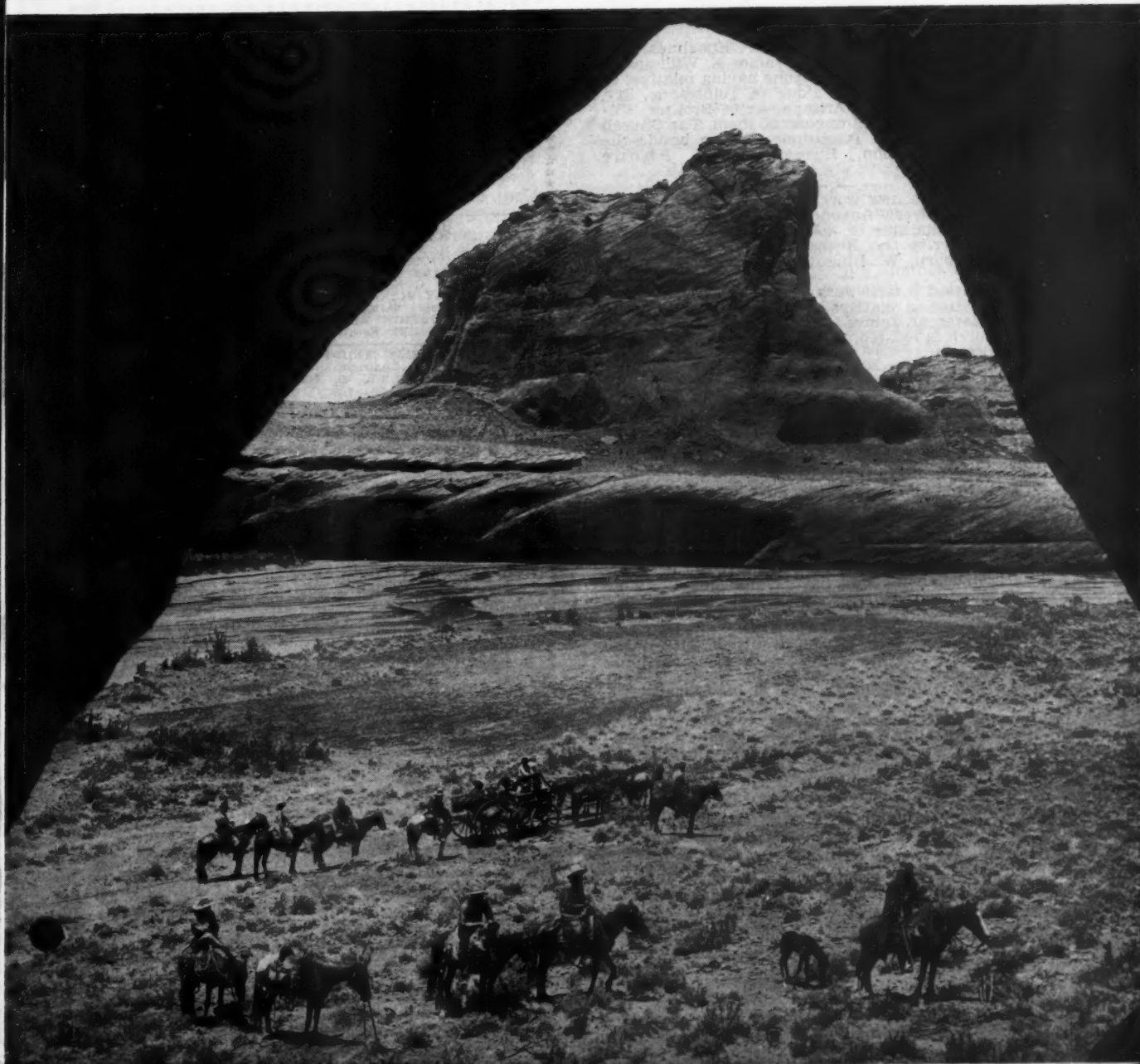


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We have started a new work in Dallas, Oregon. Anyone having friends or relatives in or near this area, please contact the Reverend James Layne, Box 779, Dallas, Oregon. The church is located on the corner of Washington and Covet Streets.

Anyone having friends or relatives stationed at Fort Story, Virginia, or Oceana Naval Air Station, or living near Virginia Beach please contact the Reverend Paul J. Eure, Box 141, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He will be glad to contact them to come to church.

The New Mexico State Prayer Conference will convene at Carlsbad, New Mexico (Church of God), February 8, 1955.—Brady Dennis, State Overseer.

Anyone, especially skilled laborers, interested in going to Colorado contact A. G. Thompson, State Overseer, Box 72, Grand Junction, Colorado. He will assist you in securing work in towns where we have established Churches of God and in towns where we would like to start new works.

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I am deeply concerned about the people who have left their homes and churches and have moved to the industrial centers to find employment. Therefore, if you have friends who live in the East St. Louis, Illinois, area and you would like to have a minister call on them, please contact me and give their addresses and phone numbers. I shall do my best to help them.—Leonard Newton, 2646 Renshaw Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. Phone UPTon 3-2902.

We are starting a new church in Lafayette, Indiana, and anyone desiring to come and worship with us is welcome. All types of employment and plenty of it are to be found here. Our church is on 912 North 18th Street.—Perry Riley, Pastor.

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# editorial



## Your Chance to Be Popular

**H**AVE YOU EVER HEARD of a toady? Doesn't sound very pleasant, does it? Ever hear of a lap dog? A repulsive name for a human being, isn't it? Have you ever heard it said that someone is "anybody's dog who will hunt with it"? It is a sickening idea, isn't it? These terms are applied by some to those persons who have no stern and straightforward principles and convictions but who are so eager to find the favor of people that they agree to everything that is said, oppose nothing, and vacillate between one opinion and another. They change their opinions, their standards, and their "fact" every time they change their company. The one they happen to be with is always their "best" friend.

Now, it is natural for all of us to desire popularity, and that is an admirable ambition, but when to obtain that popularity we are willing to surrender personal ideals and principles, it becomes a fault of the most odious hue and flavor. Popularity is a wonderful possession, but when we desire it so much that we become insincere or resort to cheap flattery or sacrifice standards of behavior and personal integrity, then its price is far too high. We should be ready to spurn any popularity that is so ill-gotten. We should reject that prestige which costs the sacrifice of perfect honesty. God cannot use one who becomes obsessed with the desire to be popular or highly-thought-of or "accepted by the crowd."

There will come a time in your life when you will have a golden opportunity to become popular and well liked by simply fawning to the desires of some person or some group. You will have to make the choice between prestige and principle, for to hold up your principles will be to destroy your chance for favor. Such a time came in the life of one of God's prophets. His name was Micaiah. King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat were planning a war against a great city, and they wanted to know whether or not it was God's will for them to go into battle. They first sought the counsel of those obsequious prophets who were supported by the nation to give counsel to the king. These prophets never spoke anything except that which pleased Ahab, for they dared not lose his favor. They possessed no principles whatever, but were mere "yes men" for every whim and fancy of the king. Finally, Micaiah was summoned before Ahab to give his counsel to the king. Ahab did not like Micaiah, and this was the prophet's golden opportunity to obtain the favor of the king, to become popular with a great man. The messenger who went for Micaiah gave the prophet a word of friendly advice. His words meant, "This is your great opportunity to gain prestige and honor. All you have to do is sanction the desires of Ahab. Don't be concerned whether it is

right or wrong, but look out for yourself—cater to the desire of the king and you will be fixed for life." This was a moment when Micaiah must choose whether or not to sacrifice principle for prestige. His answer to the messenger still rings out as one of the clearest, strongest replies to a subtle temptation to evil recorded in the Word of God: "As the Lord liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak." Micaiah refused to be bought by the fickle promise of prestige. He determined to take a stand for truth, to seek to please no man but God, to cater to no man's fancies in order to secure his favor. Then, if he ever became popular it would be a true popularity.

**PERHAPS YOUR OPPORTUNITY** for popularity will never come in the dramatic way that Micaiah's came, but you may be sure that some day you will have to decide whether or not you will sacrifice principle for prestige. Yours may be a temptation to appear one way to one person or group and quite another way to a second. This is called being "two-faced." People of this type criticize a person to his back, if that is popular with the one he is with, and compliment him to his face. This is done in an effort to make staunch and confidential friends of both persons, but in the end you will lose them both—not only their friendship, but also their respect, your own self-respect, and the potential friendship of all who hear of your "two-facedness" and are repelled from you by it. Your trial may come when you must decide whether or not to "pull coat tails." This terrible expression is used for those who bow and scrape before those in a position to grant favors. In order to obtain some favor from them, these persons throw discretion and sincerity to the winds and heap flattery, servile obeisance, gifts, or anything else that may serve to gain recognition from those with authority.

This inordinate craving for popularity leads many young persons down the treacherous road to disgrace. In order to "stand in with the gang" many innocent girls have yielded to unchristian petting—or even cast aside their virtue. Boys often stoop far below their training and their innate principles in order to be a "sport" or a "jolly good fellow." Don't do it! It isn't worth it.

Those who sacrifice principles for prestige are objectionable persons, regardless of the guise they assume or the manner in which they operate. You can be popular without being an "apple-polisher," a sycophant, a flatterer, or without fitting any of the other distasteful appellations given those who resort to various forms and degrees of insincerity to gain honor and recognition for themselves.

Be what you are—everywhere you are. That is the best way to win genuine and lasting friends and to rid yourself of those false friends who do not matter in the first

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# The Christian, the Drunkard, and the Money-lover

By L. L. BEASLEY, Layman, Jesup, Georgia

## PART II



*This is the second of a two-part  
article on a startling subject.*

*The Security of Christians*

*The Pathos of the Drunkard*

*The Delusion of the Money-lover.*

*All are brought into sharp focus here, one  
is wise, one is sick, and one is blind.*



LUKE 1:15b TELLS US ABOUT John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ: "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink." Does this sound like temperate drinking? No, that's total abstaining, isn't it? The following scriptures have been, or may be referred to, by the wets to justify them in drinking wine as a beverage: Christ turning the water to wine, John 2:8-10; the Lord's Supper, Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20; Mark 14:22-25. Neither of these scriptures say that wine was used for the sacrament. They say, "The cup and the fruit of the vine."

Luke 22:1, 7; Matthew 26:17; Mark 14:1 tell us that the bread used for the Passover was unleavened bread. For this purpose it was necessary that the bread be unleavened, a symbol of the sinless body of Christ. He (Jesus) said, "Take, eat: this is my body." If they had used yeast or another substance to leaven the bread, it would have symbolized sin. Paul was referring to this as a type of sin. He asked, "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" Now, since the body of Christ was holy and sinless, His blood had to be holy and pure, didn't it? Then, if it was necessary to have the bread unleavened, symbolic of a pure, holy body, why was it not necessary to have the fruit of the vine unfermented, unintoxicating, so that it would be a symbol of His blood, pure and holy as His body was? *Smith's Bible Dictionary* explains that in the early Christian Church it was usual to mix the sacrament wine with water. I cannot say exactly what was used then, but I'll never believe that Jesus and His disciples used fermented, intoxicating wine for a type of the blood of our sinless Christ; neither shall I believe it's in divine order to use it. We have unfermented grape juice for modern-day use, and why could they not have used something on that order in those days?

John 2:2-10 speaks of Jesus turning the water into wine at the marriage feast; it was a custom in those days to serve wine at entertainments, festivals, and so forth, and under the Mosaic law, it was used for a drink offering that accompanied the daily sacrifice, and according to the Bible Dictionary, the expressed juice of the fruit was preserved in its unfermented state, which was not intoxicating, and was drunk as a must. We could not afford to accuse our Lord of producing wine of alcoholic fermentation for the guests to drink at the marriage feast, since He teaches that drunkenness will debar us from the kingdom of heaven. At the marriage feast Jesus did a twofold work, as well as blessing the people with the necessary drink that they desired, for He performed this miracle of turning the water into wine.

"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities," 1 Timothy 5:23. Among the different instructions from the apostle Paul to Timothy Paul gave him a precept for his physical health, but because he advised the use of wine, it did not mean the wine had to be intoxicating. The well-known unfermented grape juice used in these modern days is relished with very satisfactory results for its nourishing and strengthening merits in cases of nausea or weak stomach, and certainly they could have had and did have, according to teachings, similar juices in ancient days. Who wants to drink intoxicating wine and make a weak stomach sick or a sick stomach sicker?

Listen, friends, God expects us to use good, sound judgment, and there is no reason for man to argue with his

own conscience, justifying himself in things pertaining to fleshly desires. Total abstinence is the safe plan. The booze drinker and the money-lover like to encourage legalization of selling liquor, beer, and wine in open bars, and they like to discourage prohibition upon the grounds that bootleggers will furnish the supply, and they say, "Why not legalize the sales in open bars and receive the tax and license for the benefits of schools and the upkeep of the city?" Listen, "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity," Habakkuk 2:12. Evidently Sodom and Gomorrah were progressing cities as far as wealth was concerned, but because of iniquity, they went up in flames, didn't they? I shall quote here a small part of a sermon preached by Dr. Broadus E. Jones, of Raleigh, according to the *National Voice* paper of December 3, 1953, issue. It goes, "Last year in this country, \$960,000,000 was spent for strong drink. This is three times more than the American people spent for education and twenty times more than we spent for all causes of religion. Some forget the moral issue and say that we must have legal liquor because we need the tax money. A study was made sometime ago in the State of Massachusetts as to the cost of drink to the State. It was found that it cost a year \$4,000,000 for insanity due to alcohol, \$6,000,000 for crime, \$51,000,000 for dependent families, and \$61,000,000 for chronic alcoholism. The workers of Massachusetts lost 28,500,000 working days at a cost of more than one billion dollars. Summing this up, the liquor business in Massachusetts cost the people four and a half times more than the revenue received from the sale of liquor."

**THE MONEY TEMPTATION** is not only manifested by legalizing liquor in open bars, but also by the leaders of churches permitting their members and themselves to partake of social drinking temperance as they say, and by refusing to cooperate with those in favor of prohibition so that the future morals and sobriety might be brighter, making a better world in which to live, especially in the interest of our youth. How can leaders of churches refuse to cooperate in this duty? Is it because of a selfish appetite for drink or fear that if restrictions are enforced to total abstinence it would affect the membership and the financial support? Yes, Paul said, "The love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows," 1 Timothy 6:10.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," Matthew 7:21. Now upon self-examination, would we find ourselves doing the will of our heavenly Father if we refuse to do such needful works or even to play neutral? I would be afraid. One writer said, "Social drinking actually causes more trouble of more kinds as a group than all true alcoholics." He was dealing with the fact that the social drinkers, many of those who are active behind the steering wheels in daily traffic, are so great in number. Now, since there is a "woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him," doesn't it look reasonable that there is a blessing for him who removes the bottle from his neighbor? Except for those few who are converted and won to Christ, this good deed can be done only by prohibition. Let us not conceive the idea that this could justly be criticized for political affairs in the

Church. It's fighting sin and doing good works, and those who are under the curse of this habit should appreciate it. We, as Christians, are gloriously blessed that we are not under the curse of that habit, but think of the thousands of slaves to the habit whom Satan has deceived and bound. They are some mothers' sons and daughters. Christ bought and paid for their souls with His own blood. There is something for Christians to do about this thing. Much has been said concerning liquor traffic from pulpits, written articles, and newspapers. Some efforts have been made by ministers and their respective churches to organize groups and appoint committees to secure petitions to qualify for county-wide elections to decide whether legalization of liquor selling or prohibition is wanted. This work has proved successful in many parts in favor of prohibition, but some become somewhat discouraged for lack of complete cooperation in the movement. According to reports, numbers of counties that continued their procedures in behalf of prohibition were successful.

Now, if nation-wide prohibition is the remedy for the problem, let's awaken to the fact that it's the responsibility of the churches to get the job done. It might be doubtful as to whether to secure complete cooperation of all religious organizations, church names, and creeds in this behalf, but there is no reason to doubt there being enough intelligent citizens and Christians who really do see the need of nation-wide sobriety, morality, and Christianity to win the victory if, with a working zeal and energy by faith and prayer, the pastors and leaders of the churches in every county would become interested and secure the cooperation of their respective churches. Some people express such opinions as this, "Prohibition is needed, but we'll never have it." Oh, if only we could forget that word and be encouraged with Jesus' words "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." The opposing power of Satan likes the continuance of a wet and bloody nation, and if we permit, it will hinder faith and encourage fear and doubt.

**IF DAVID HAD LOOKED** upon the Philistine giant with fear of being defeated and had turned back, he would never have won the battle, but, instead, he said to the Philistine, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts." David, as well as exercising his faith, added works to his faith when he placed the stone in the sling and let it fly. The battle was won because he did a work that pleased God. God is still on the throne and ready to help us with good works.

The death of a man caused by liquor traffic is looked upon by the world as just another man dead; when he is buried, it's forgotten. It's more than that, my friends. The trouble comes beyond the grave. Who can afford to sit down while knowing thousands are going into eternity unprepared from the results of drunkenness? True, the drunkard can come from under the binding powers of Satan, be saved, and be made happy by accepting Christ. Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matthew 11:28. How can the sinner ignore such promises? Yet, my friends, here is the idea—why not

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*Today, as much as in bygone days,  
we may be confident that*

# Our God Works Miracles

By DAVID SULEIMAN

**J**HAT GOD IS ALL POWERFUL, mighty, and great is a true concept accepted by all Christians. God, as man knows Him, is a powerful Spirit with absolute authority. All of us know that God can do the impossible; however, we have never explored the greatness of His power. Under the law, men who knew God experienced a supernatural touch of His divine glory. Men like Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samson, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, and many others have seen the miracles of God in action. Today, as ever, God is still the same; His power has never changed. Though we live under grace, the Spirit of His power is present to perform the miraculous.

Have you ever asked yourself "Why does not God work great miracles in the Church today as He did in the past?" I wondered about it for a while, then I reached the conclusion that many of us are lulling ourselves over the past. We think of the miracles of God as bygone. I know that there are instances when God is performing wonders, and there are other times when, through various ways, God works "miracles," but where are the great miracles such as those performed by Elijah when the waters of Jordan were divided or when the sacrifice was consumed by fire or when the child was restored to life? Every honest Christian thrives for great miracles to take place; we do not doubt the ability of God; we are only seeking a deeper, greater, a more substantial ministry for the Church.

**WE, AS THE BODY** of Christ, have misunderstood, misapprehended, and misappropriated God's miracles. Christ came as the Son of God; He came with a greater energy than the world had ever known; He ushered a new era of power, a godly power. This power was greater than the powers of the devil. Jesus Christ came to lift humanity onto a higher level. The miracles that Christ performed were the "signs" of the new age. If only the Church can realize the great powers that are found in its Founder, the daily functions of the Church will be greatly strengthened.

Besides the natural energy that we know, two more powerful energies at work, the energy of the devil, which is powerful to an extent, but not all-powerful, and the energy of God, which works within us through Christ. God is at work, and He is releasing His energy for the good of His children. Ephesians 1:11, "... him who worketh (energizes) all things after the counsel of his own will." This same power or energy is the same power that raised Christ from the dead. What a glorious thought to dwell upon! The same power that raised our Elder Brother from the dead, who is also the Son of God, is

within our bodies; we are the temple of that Power. The reason many of us miss the great blessing of God and very few of us ever see miracles in action is simply because we have not realized from where the energy comes. Some wait on a great outward experience; others look for a magical manifestation. Faith is simple and pure. It does not show itself in pride, in self-glory, or in personal gain. God works wonders but not magic.

Since there are other energies at work that are opposing to God, we, in seeking His power, should be able to discern the spirits. The Bible tells us to try the spirits whether they be from God. Here is a simple outline from the Word of God which, if we keep in mind in an objective way, we can try the spirits, miracles, wonders, modern healings, and imitations.

- I. The Manifestations of the Spirits
  - A. To the glory of God (John 11:4).
  - B. To the glory of Christ (John 2:11; 11:4).
  - C. Do they manifest the works of God (John 9:3)?
- II. Are the Spirits Showing an Evidence of a Divine Commission? (Exodus 4:1-5; Mark 16:20)
- III. Do the Miracles Performed Produce the Following?
  - A. Faith (John 2:23; 20:30, 31).
  - B. Obedience (Deuteronomy 11:1-3; 29:2, 3, 9).
- IV. The Attitude of Those Who Perform
  - A. Do they disclaim all power of their own (Acts 3:12)?

We live in an age of power and visions. These are the days when the power of God is being released through the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ we can accomplish all things, but as we look towards the clouds and the heavens, let us keep our feet on the Rock of reality, Jesus Christ. The spirit of Christ is the spirit of humility which does not create resentment, hatred, or division. Christ is not divided. Any spirit that offers such results is not of His spirit.

Friend, know yourself. Know that you are bought with the blood of the Lamb. Jesus overcame hell itself, and in Him you rest in peace. The spirits of hell may rise against you, but His Spirit will always be near you. The greatest revivals are yet to come, and we are to see God's greatest powers at work. Do not doubt the Spirit of God in you no matter what the powers of hell offer in a false pretense. God is still the greatest Healer, in fact, He is the **MASTER PHYSICIAN**. Science has a valuable place in man's welfare, but man makes his greatest mistake if he imagines that there is no other Power in the universe relevant to healing save those which yield to scientific research.



*Hold Fast!*

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By CHARLES EVANS, Pastor  
Gainesborough, Saskatchewan

*That Which Is Good*

1 Thessalonians 5:21, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

**T**HE TEXT INDICATES that there are some things it would be better to let go, but too many times we are determined to hang on to them. I believe if we would hold fast to the good, the bad would fall away. There are at least four things to hold to that are essentials to the Christian. God grant that we will let go the secondary things and hold fast to those things that are good.

First and most important, we must hold fast to the **Word of God**. To the Christian in this day, this is a must. There are many who are trying to undo the Word of God. Men are seeking pleasure and sin. They spend their time and money in seeking out some new thing to cause excitement in their lives. They are determined to live for the present and let the future take care of itself. In a day when sin is on the increase and when the crowd is pleasure-mad, **WE MUST HOLD FAST TO THE WORD OF GOD**, the only bulwark against sin and the devil.

Another thing that is very much in evidence today is the fact that men are endeavoring to undo the Word itself. Men called scholars are doing all in their power to give us a new Bible, a new doctrine, a new slant on the old truth. My friends, in such an hour we must hold fast the Word of God, the faith once delivered to the saints. By every means available the devil and his crowd will try to take away our very lives, but if we are determined to hold fast, we shall never be defeated. Again, if we turn to the world of education, we find that our boys and girls are being taught daily that the Bible is just another book of fiction, that evolution and higher criticism are superior. In such a day we must hold fast to the Word of God, for it is the only thing that will ever bring us victory and defeat the plans of the enemy. **HOLD FAST THE WORD OF GOD** should be thundered from every pulpit where the truth is preached.

The second thing to hold fast, I believe, is our **trust in Jesus Christ**. A man once said to me when I asked him how things were going, "I figure I'm living right if nothing goes wrong." In other words, if everything was going right, he was living right, and if things were going wrong, he was living wrong. Nothing could be farther from the

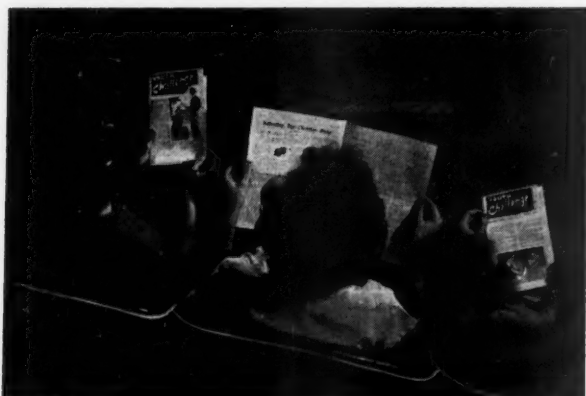
truth than that. I want you to know right now that if you will live right, things will not always go right, but they will always be the best for you. If the store or the bank downtown will just stick to the business they are in, there will be no trouble for them, but the moment that they put up the banner of Jesus Christ and live for Him and serve Him, someone will start some kind of sneer campaign that will hurt some place.

I am reminded of the story of the young man who left home with his mother's final words ringing in his ear telling him to let his light shine for the Lord. Spending the winter in the woods felling trees, he forgot that he was a Christian. When he arrived home, his mother was anxious to hear how he had gotten along among the ungodly men of the lumber camp. He replied "Oh, mother, I got along just fine. No one ever found out I was a Christian." Have your friends found out that you have your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you let your light shine for all to see? Listen to me. In this day when the world is rocking and reeling under the awful fears of sudden war, death, and destruction, it is a wonderful thing to have your trust so founded in the Christ that you are openly letting Him be seen from day to day. We need to have our trust in Christ today.

The third thing that is worth having is **A Spiritual Experience**. Today a lot of so-called Christians have never had any real experience in their lives. They cannot point to any time of definite decision for Christ. They cannot look back into the past and say with joy, "It happened there." This is something about which we need to be sure. It is something good to hold fast in the day and hour of need. The Psalmists said that he looked back to the pit from whence he was digged. Have you looked back all the way to Calvary? Have you turned your eyes back to your past life? Can you remember the time when the Lord did something for you? Perhaps it is so far back you have forgotten it. The experience of the Lord should be fresh every day.

Has your life been redeemed from the ways of sin and the condemnation of sin? Has your soul been saved, the precious blood applied, and set free? Has your heart been so blessed that the joy of the Lord flowed over you like

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As we think...

One million children got into trouble with the police last year. Reports are piling up every day on the fastest growing crime in America—juvenile delinquency. Bulletins touched with genuine panic are coming out of our largest cities. In New York City the jails are overflowing with juvenile culprits.

Let Christians arise and do something before it is too late. There must be twenty million Bible-believing church members in America. There are thousands of godly pastors. We must stand together, not only to combat delinquency itself, but also the cause and the false cures that are being suggested.

**T**HE WAY to effectively poison a stream is to pollute it at its source. The Evil One is effectively polluting the life of America today by burglarizing the homes and hearts of our youth.

Recent news reports tell of vicious vandalism committed over the land by children 8, 9 and up to 15 years of age—\$500,000-school-property damage in Chicago, \$500,000-railroad wreck by two boys 13 and 15 years of age.

Millions of dollars worth of park property has been destroyed. Churches have not escaped. In a southern city not long ago, a beautiful new Baptist church was broken into by youngsters who ripped up the beautiful pulpit Bible, tore to shreds cushions in the pews, poured paint over the beautiful decorated walls, the hand-carved pulpit, floors, and woodwork.

Hymn books were ripped to pieces and sacred vessels were broken. The saddened congregation, wondering who would so destroy a house of worship, looked at the chaos in dismay. A satanic lust for destruction seems to have demonized thousands of our young people.

In our cities young people from 9 years up have been running wild in a destructive frenzy that is baffling the law enforcement officers of every community. For example, the city of Chicago suffers \$400,000 yearly damage to school property alone. Children break into schools, tear up textbooks, destroy the desks, splatter ink over the walls, paint salacious signs over the place, and sometimes set fire to the building.

High on the list of activities among juvenile delinquents is vandalism. In Atlanta, Georgia, four boys from well-to-

# One Million Juve

By WILLIAM WAR

1,000,000 American boys and girls on  
readily rob, maul and kill in t

do homes released the brakes on twenty cars parked on hills "just to see them crash." In Baltimore youngsters have smashed 22,082 windows.

In Chicago gangs of young vandals have completely wrecked homes which had not yet been occupied. In Detroit, policemen travel in groups of four or five, because patrolmen traveling in teams of two have been so often waylaid and beaten "just for the fun of it" by gangs of youngsters from 13 to 18 years of age.

"Something strange seems to have happened to our children the last two or three years," said a law enforcement officer.

Of course, something has happened! America is becoming a pagan nation. Thirty-six million children are growing up in America without religious instruction of any sort! And there are 30,000,000 teen-agers in the land who have never been in any church. They have never heard God's Word expounded, never heard public prayer, never sung a Christian hymn, and never known the atmosphere of worship. They might as well be brutes without souls. Of course, something is happening! What worse could happen to youth than this?

**AS CHRISTIANS** we had better wake up to the crime situation. I do not like to write like this, but I think that everyone that has the ear of the public should give warning to the people. Our leaders are warning us of the terrible destructive power of the A-bomb and H-bomb, and we should be prepared; we should be a solemn people.

"Crime," says J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, "threatens to break all records this year, which threatens to be the nation's worst crime year."

We need to do something quickly! We need to wake up the people! These things are destroying our nation!

There is a major crime accomplished every 14 and 9/10 seconds. There is a rape every 29 and 4/10 minutes, a robbery every 8 and 8/10 minutes, a larceny every 25 seconds, an auto theft every 2 minutes, and in 1953 there will be over 2,000,000 major crimes recorded.

A large percentage of these crimes are committed by youngsters, some of them not yet in their teens. Who is to blame, and what can we do about it? The children themselves blame a host of things. They say they learn to commit crime from seeing movies and television shows.



# Juvenile Criminals

LIAM WARD AYER

*and girls on the prowl, seeking a thrill,  
and kill in their devilish pursuit*

Others blame gangster radio programs.

Many have learned to commit crime from reading lurid books called "comics," which might rather be called "tragedies." It is highly significant that the tremendous increase in juvenile delinquency coincides almost completely with the appearance of this new form of juvenile entertainment. We are told that nine out of ten children read "comics."

They give a false view of life. Life in these comics is a nightmare, a continuous combat with wicked weapons. The womanly form is exaggerated for sex attraction. The seminakedness of the women stimulates the abnormal and unhealthy in the minds of those coming into puberty. This is a dangerous age and needs every moral control and every religious influence to keep the child from going on social and moral rocks.

A generation ago, children lived and played with children. The sweet influence of normal surroundings molded character and inculcated basic decency into their lives. Today, little minds and bodies carry too big a load. Radio, television, and motion pictures saddle their little minds and emotions with situations in which even adults find difficulty in dealing.

The comics are, perhaps, the greatest offenders in lifting little children out of the innocence and beauty of childhood into the problems of adulthood, and not normal adulthood but criminal and unnatural adulthood.

If we do not do something soon and if there is not a change, these things will wreck the foundations of our national life. We must talk plainly about a cure for this terrible criminality and vandalism which is driving law enforcement authorities to distraction.

## Parental Responsibility

I WRITE NOW TO PARENTS. God has made parents responsible for the actions of their children. Certainly this generation of children needs some old-fashioned, Biblical discipline. I do not think there is any solution of the juvenile delinquency problem until parents are held responsible for what the juveniles are doing.

Make the weak-willed, loose-living parents pay for the damage that is done and they will wake up and do something about their vandalistic youngsters if only to protect their own pocketbooks. Let us hear what the Word of God says:



...so are we.

The book of Proverbs is filled with wisdom for parents, and it says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6.

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying," Proverbs 19:18.

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him," Proverbs 22:15.

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell," Proverbs 23:13, 14.

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame," Proverbs 29:15.

"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul," Proverbs 29:17.

Let me repeat, there is no cure for this juvenile delinquency problem until parents assume responsibility for their children. Thousands of parents completely neglect their children—body, mind, soul, and spirit. Some look after their children's bodies and minds. Their teeth are well taken care of. They are given nourishing food, but their spiritual needs are utterly neglected and the children are taught nothing of the Lord and His Word!

## Pray for a Nation-Wide Spiritual Awakening

THE NEW TESTAMENT says: "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," Ephesians 6:4.

Parents, that does not mean that the children shall have no discipline. The grace of God does not permit sin and lawlessness. You must hold a firm hand in the love of God over your children, and without prayer and God's leadership, these terrible days are impossible to the right upbringing of them. If we had godly homes, with prayer, discipline and family altars, we would not have the criminality that we have today in the lives of mere babies.

This is solemn, and should be a warning—there are many in our land (and some of them are city authorities) who are recommending a return of the whipping post. They are boldly saying that if parents neglect their duty and fail to curb and discipline their children, then someone must do it or else conditions which are already

terrible will become completely unbearable. Some officers of the law are just about ready to demand that the older ones among the youthful vandals must be punished in public before they will have the fear of God and the law in their hearts.

They are suggesting that parents be made to punish publicly their children for this destructive criminality. In this way, the careless parents will be brought to shame for their moral indifference and inexcusable carelessness, and other children in the community will learn that they cannot get away with their lawlessness. What do you think about that?

It is strange that no one has seemed to think that there might have been a connection between this tremendous vandalism on the part of children and the pictures that they see—barroom fights where everything is broken, the whole place smashed while thousands cheer. Youngsters cannot rationalize like oldsters can. There is a direct contact between the sensory system and motor activities, and as soon as they get an opportunity they recreate what they have seen. There is no escaping the fact that at least the more bold and realistic of the youngsters will never be satisfied with toy guns and imitation gang warfare. They must have reality.

#### **Mobilize the Spiritual Forces for Action**

#### **Pray for a Militant and Aggressive Spiritual Leadership for Church and Nation**

Let Christians everywhere gird for action and do something before it is too late! There must be 20,000,000 Bible-believing church members in America. There are thousands of pastors who know the truth. We must stand together and stand up to combat, not only the delinquency itself, but also the causes and the false cures that are being suggested.

Fundamental to all of the causative conditions is the terrible fact of SIN. There is one cure for SIN—"The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

There is one way to save this generation and that is to bring them to Christ in God. There is an old adage which says, "It is better to build a fence at the top of a cliff than to build a hospital at the bottom." We are waiting until the youngsters plunge over the cliff into crime, into degradation, into drunkenness, drug addiction, and a thousand other forms of sin, then we will become excited.

The question is what are we doing to put an end to those institutions and those procedures which are destroying the young people, for whom Christ died?—**Herald of His Coming.**



#### **THE CHRISTIAN, THE DRUNKARD, AND THE MONEY-LOVER**

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move every unnecessary temptation possible so the problem can be solved. Jesus bore the cross, suffered, and died so that we might have eternal life by living right, fighting sin, and doing good works. Our boys have suffered in fox holes, bled and died on the battlefields day after day, year after year, and war after war so that we might retain and enjoy democracy and the blessing of the Lord, as well as sobriety, morality, and Christianity. Let's pray, work, and fight sin.

#### **YOUR CHANCE TO BE POPULAR**

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place. Don't sacrifice principle for prestige. Don't sacrifice modesty for attention. Don't sacrifice sincerity for popularity. Don't sacrifice straightforwardness for favor. "Be yourself—but cultivate a self worth being." "If to yourself you would be true, you cannot then be false to any man." Remember that "favor is deceitful," so don't chase it. Live by consistent Christian principles, and if gaining a friend means forsaking or lowering those principles, forget it. Do your best to be pleasing in the sight of God and your popularity will be both wide and eternal.



#### **HOLD FAST!**

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a great river of water? Has the Holy Ghost so filled your being that you were carried away literally from the sordid world around you into the realms of the heavenlies? Is your mind free from the worrying fears of tomorrow? Have you a song and a testimony on the lips continually? Have you had your spiritual experience today? Praise God, it is for you for every day. It is something we must have and hold fast. When the world goes careening on in its mad rush to eternity and damnation, your experience means everything to you. Hold it fast! Don't let it go! It is a bulwark in the hour of need. Many times when it seemed the devil would overthrow me, I have remembered that the Lord saved me November 21, 1937, and it has held me fast. Do you remember that day? "O happy day that fixed my choice on thee, my Saviour and my God."

The last thing I shall mention is hold fast the **Form of Godliness and the Power Thereof**. Many have the form of godliness, but they stop there. Many do not have even that much any more. Paul told Timothy that bodily exercise profits a little. It does the outer man, but good muscles and a healthy body are no guarantee of a spiritual life. There is little profit in having a well body when the soul is dead and lost. Godliness has a blessing for you now and in the days to come. (1 Timothy 4:7, 8.) Godliness will benefit you now in this life. You will have a deeper experience in Christ. You will have a greater love for the lost and for the Lord, who came to seek and to save them. You will have more power in your life to lead others to the Saviour, who died for all. Godliness is profitable, hold it fast. It is profitable in the world to come. "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." When you and I stand before the eternal throne of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall hear those commendable words "well done" if we have done well. Godliness is worth more than all the world. If there were no heaven to gain, no hell to shun, if the Bible was a myth and all the preachers of all ages had been wrong about the Lord Jesus, it would still pay to live in godliness. What sense is there in wrecking your heart, your mind, your body with the filthy conceptions of the world when godliness will help you to live a decent, sober, upright life? **GODLINESS IS WORTH HOLDING FAST.**

I should like to conclude this message with the words of Joshua, the Jesus of the Israelites of so long ago. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, but as for me and my house, we **WILL SERVE THE LORD.**" Friends, **HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD.** It will last for eternity!

# COURT of PRAISE

**KOKOMO, Ind.**—About two years ago I suffered for two months with severe pain in my stomach. I was not able to retain food, and I lost weight, strength, and was very nervous. I went to a woman's clinic and was checked and rechecked for those two months. Nothing they did helped me, eased the pain, or helped digest food. Finally they told me I would have to go to a cancer specialist. When I did, the doctor gave me three days to rest and then come back for an X-ray. While I was resting, I began to meditate about how the Lord had saved me and kept me for these twenty-five years. He kept me with a desire to do good and help others from the paths of sin. I thought, Surely the Lord can heal a disease of one of His children if He can cleanse us from sin. On Saturday night before I was to go on Monday for the X-ray, my children and I visited our pastor at the parsonage. He knew why I had come, and he asked me if he prayed would I have the faith to believe that the Lord would heal me. I said yes, for I had been building my faith just thinking about all the Lord could do. As we knelt to pray, I knew the Lord was going to heal me. We began praising Him, and I felt the fever leave my stomach and a cooling sensation overflow my body. Then I knew that the Lord had then and there healed me. It's so marvelous. Knowing that I was already healed, I went on Monday for the X-ray. When we got the reports back, they could find nothing wrong. I went home, took food, retained it, and have felt no pain since. I can say I have never been sorry that I have trusted Him for twenty-five years.—Mrs. James T. Walker.

**HOMERVILLE, Ga.**—For years I have had bad feet. They have pained me so badly that I could hardly stand it. About three or four weeks ago, our pastor, Brother Robinson, prayed for me, and the Lord healed them. I praise Him from the depths of my heart for His healing power.—Miss L. A. Brinkley.

**BOZEMAN, Montana**—I praise the Lord for healing my husband some time ago. He was healed of a very painful swelling of the body. The Lord healed him, and he is free of all that now.—Mrs. A. S. Shaw.

**CLAYSBURG, Pa.**—I want to praise and thank God for His wonderful healing power. He healed my baby's eyes which were constantly moving from the time of birth. After taking her to the doctors several times to see what could be done, he told us she would have to wear glasses. I took her to church one evening and had Brother Williams pray for her, and within a

week's time her eyes were completely healed.—Mrs. H. R. Weyandt.

**BONITA SPRINGS, Fla.**—I thank God for His wonderful healing power. I had arthritis for about eleven years, and at times I suffered agony with it. This fall I started having chills, and the doctor didn't do me any good at all. One Sunday at service I asked our pastor, Brother Norman Warriner, and the saints to pray for the Lord to heal me of the chills. After I was anointed and prayed for, I noticed that I wasn't having arthritis any more and didn't have but one more chill. I know I am a child of God, and I can't praise Him enough for the power in the blood to save and to heal. I love the Church of God and all that it stands for.—Sister Gussie McCormick. Attested by Brother Norman Warriner, Pastor.

**TELLICO PLAINS, Tenn.**—I want to tell the world what the Lord has done for me. I thank Him that I have the precious Holy Ghost abiding in my soul today, and for the Church of God people that can still get a prayer answered in behalf of suffering humanity. On May 15, 1954, I had an X-ray made, and it showed that I had tuberculosis in my left lung. My doctor advised me to stay in bed for six months and then have another test made. I told him that I was going to believe God for my healing, and that I would have the Church to pray for me. The next night was Y.P.E. and I had the pastor, Brother Eli Cannon, and the church people to pray for me. The power of the Lord fell, and I felt as I had never felt before. I hadn't been eating much, and I weighed 92 pounds at this time. The next day I began eating and in three days I had gained one and a half pounds. I had to have another X-ray in two weeks and by this time I had gained five pounds more. When I told my friends about what God had done, they only laughed and said my health was better than it had been in years, but I always told them it was what God had done in answer to prayer even before I knew the results of this X-ray. One night the Lord spoke to me in a dream and said, "Don't be afraid, I am still with you. Don't fear. They will not believe your testimony unless I show them my might." I knew by this that the test was bad. The doctor again recommended complete rest and not even to talk much as it would strain my lungs. But I sang in the choir and prayed for the lost as I always had before. After this second X-ray came back, everyone did believe that I had tuberculosis and that God had worked a miracle for me. I had

another test on November 26 and it came back perfectly clear. I now weigh 108 pounds and am feeling better than I have ever felt in my life. I have made many vows to the Lord, and I am beginning to repay them this very day. How I do praise God for His saving and healing power.—Mrs. Ersa Mae Harris.

**DICKERSON CROSSING, Ga.**—I praise the Lord for healing my little grandson of tonsillitis. He had suffered every winter for two years but December 12, 1954, I took him to the Church of God Sunday School and church. When Brother Roberson of Homer-ville, Georgia, had the healing line, I carried him through and the Lord healed him. I praise the Lord for everything.—Mrs. A. P. Hunter.

**MAYSLANDING, N. J.**—After listening to the preaching of our pastor, Sister Amy Hanley, God's Spirit led me to the altar where I repented of my sins. As I was driving home, I had a headache and was all confused thinking about the preaching and the people bowing before God. I had heard the people testify of God's healing power, so I asked the Lord to take away my headache. Before I had gotten the last word out of my mouth, the power of God came down and every pain and confusion left my head. God heard and answered my prayer just as His Word says, Isaiah 65:24, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." On another occasion the powers of the devil compassed me, and it seemed as if there was a band around my head. I went to the altar and Sister Hanley prayed for me. The powers of the devil lifted and my head was cleared. On another day the power of the enemy had me so I couldn't eat or work, and I was about to go down under it. I drove to the church where there were about five people with Sister Hanley, and after we had prayed the fear and nervousness left me. God answered prayer in less than five minutes. Another day a fifty gallon drum of gasoline exploded in my face. I was bending over it when it exploded, and I was out for a few seconds after it happened. When I came to myself I was spitting blood, my hair was burned, the skin from my face and neck was burned and hanging, and one of my eyelids was burned almost like burned bacon. I drove to the church, and a small group prayed with me. Today my eyes tested perfect, and my face doesn't have a trace of the accident. It all healed in two weeks. My prayer is that all who read this may find Jesus as a real Saviour and healer that lives today and never loses His power. He hears and answers prayer.—Anthony Ferrigno. Attested by A. M. Hanley, Pastor.



## reports

**CLEVELAND, Ohio**—We are happy to report the fine progress of our church here. We have broken our previous records in Sunday School and Y.P.E. In Sunday School our record attendance was fifty-two but now is sixty-four. In Y.P.E. it was forty-two, and now it is seventy-four with an offering of \$13. God has wonderfully blessed us here, and our church is really growing. We have just had a three weeks' revival with nine saved, nine sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the Church. We have a wonderful pastor, Brother U. B. Gray, and we enjoy working with him very much.—Mrs. Tivis Davis, Reporter.

**DANVILLE (EDGEWOOD), Va.**—We have enjoyed a wonderful revival at the Church of God in Danville (Edgewood). Nineteen were saved, 14 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the Church. Sister Della Patrick was our evangelist, and we can say that she was a great blessing to our church. Several testified to healing for their bodies. Sister Patrick has a message that will inspire any Christian to want to obey God's Word. After hearing one of her messages, one young man borrowed the money to pay his back tithes, and many others were greatly blessed. Any church wanting an evangelist who will fast and pray until God gives the increase will be greatly blessed by contacting Sister Della Patrick of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.—Herbert A. Stone, Pastor.

**MOORESVILLE, N. C.**—We have had a revival with Brother C. B. Donahue as the evangelist. Twenty-four were saved, 10 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the Church. The church was wonderfully blessed, and Brother Donahue is a great evangelist.—G. F. Carter, Pastor.

**POPLAR, Calif.**—We thank the Lord for the wonderful revival we are having with Brother L. G. Rouse of Knoxville, Tennessee, as the evangelist. Thirty-four have been saved, 17 sanctified, 17 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 added to the Church, and 2 have transferred their membership here. There have been so many healed that we are unable to number them. One lady was healed of heart trouble, one girl was healed of an enlarged heart, and another who was blind in one eye was healed. We truly thank God for this wonderful revival, and for sending Brother Rouse who preached the old-time Gospel and the Word as it is in the Bible. That is why the Lord blesses us so because He said His word would not return void but would accomplish that which it went out to accomplish. A man who was 76 years old and had lived a sanctified life for 46 years received the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. George Akin, Reporter.

**BIDWELL, Ohio**—We are thankful to be able to report a good revival which was recently conducted here. Seven were saved, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the Church. The revival was conducted by Brother L. G. Rouse who did much praying and fasting. We have hopes of a very good work here by the help of the Lord. There were also several testimonies to healings.—T. P. Satterfield, Pastor.

**DODDSVILLE, Miss.**—In a ten-night revival, 18 were saved, 18 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 21 added to the Church at Pilgrims Rest. Brother John L. Meares of the Park Avenue Church of God in Memphis, Tennessee, was the evangelist.—T. H. Williams, Pastor.

**WHITE CLOUD, Mich.**—We have just had a very successful revival with Brother and Sister Charles Allen doing the preaching. Twenty-three were saved, 13 sanctified, 24 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the Church. We had many outstanding healings.—John Page, Pastor.

**BIG SPRING, Texas**—We have recently had a wonderful revival with

Brother Amos A. Ledford of Oklahoma as the evangelist. Brother Ledford has a fine Christian wife and also two fine children. Brother and Sister Ledford sing, and she plays the piano. Ten were saved, a number sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 added to the Church, and 4 baptized in water. Brother Ledford is certainly a great man of God with his fine Bible preaching. The revival is still sweeping the Church. On Sunday night, December 12, the mighty power of God came down and in the middle of the pastor's message the altar call was given. Almost everyone came forward to rededicate their lives to God, and there were not many dry eyes there. The Church at Big Spring is going over for God, and one of these days we will be going up with Jesus.—Reporter.

**NORTON, Va.**—The Lord has wonderfully blessed the church at Norton in the past eight months. He has given us several good revivals with souls being blessed and members being added to the church. The Sunday School has grown from 84 in attendance to 280 in attendance in December. We have averaged 245 in Sunday School. The Church of God has the largest Sunday School attendance in Norton, Virginia, which has a population of five thousand. We give the Lord the praise.—J. B. Holcomb, Pastor.



**CLAYSBURG, Pa.**—Business is really picking up at Claysburg. We had five chickens and one pig in prayer meeting. On September 21, our regular prayer meeting night, the members and friends of the church had a surprise "harvest home" for the pastor and his family. The church was beau-

tifully decorated for the occasion, and the rostrum was almost covered with groceries. To add to the life of the service were five live chickens and a ten-week-old pig. My heart was filled with gratitude to God and the people for such an expression of love and appreciation.—Hoyt Williams, Pastor.

### Colorado State Prayer Conference

The Colorado State Prayer Conference was held in Grand Junction December 1-3. We were pleased to have with us several out-of-state ministers. Brother Brady Dennis, state overseer of New Mexico, preached the opening service on the subject "Pay Your Debt and Live." Many of us were made to realize what debtors we are to God. Also, we were privileged to have with us our Assistant General Overseer, Brother Houston R. Morehead, who is dearly loved in the West by all who know him; he preached on prayer and stirred the heart of every child of God.

Brother Cheslie Collins and Brother and Sister Murray, ministers from Arizona, were also with us, and they preached messages that were a blessing to the prayer conference. The building was filled every night, and everyone feasted on the good blessings from God. The singing and music were like heavenly music to our ears. Every pastor in the State was present, which shows the fine cooperation among God's people in the State. We enjoyed sweet fellowship. Brother D. R. Speck, of Canon City, and Brother R. T. Lankfort, of Denver, preached wonderful messages that were a blessing

to us. People who expressed their feelings said that this was the greatest prayer conference they had ever attended and that they were going home with a great desire to work harder for the Lord. We appreciate our state overseer, Brother A. G. Thompson, and his wife, who have worked hard to make these services a blessing to all. Brother Thompson shows a great interest in every church and pastor. It is through his efforts and the cooperation of the Colorado ministers that the Church of God is moving forward in Colorado.—Mrs. James Dalton, Reporter.



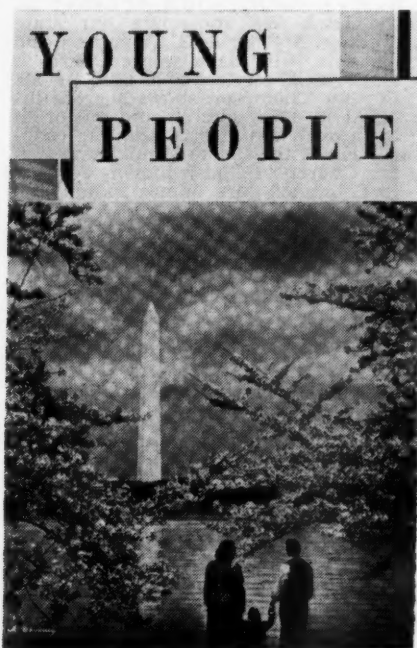
**HARRISBURG, Ill.**—Sunday, October 17, was a big day for the people of the Church of God in Harrisburg, Illinois. The day started at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School, and we had the largest attendance we have had in many months. After taking an offering of \$379.79, Brother D. R. Moreland brought the morning message. At 12 o'clock the L.W.B. served a dinner that was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon service, which was held in the old church building, we enjoyed the testimonies of several of the ministers from nearby churches and special singing by Cecil Abney and his quartet. Following this a truly great message was given by our fine state

overseer, Brother F. W. Goff. An offering was taken which amounted to nearly \$1,500. The service was then continued at the northwest corner of the foundation for the new church building for cornerstone-laying ceremonies. The following are those in the picture who had a part in the service: J. Andrew Rafferty, pastor of the church; Trafton Dennis, city attorney; Glen Daugherty, president of the Ministerial Association; Curtiss Austin, a former pastor of the church; Carl Hanvey, pastor of the church in Carriers Mills; and F. W. Goff, state overseer of Illinois.

For many years the people of the

church in Harrisburg have been wanting a new church, and now they are to realize their desires with a completely modern plant built of glazed white tile, fully air-conditioned with automatic gas heat. The auditorium, which is 32 feet by 80 feet, will seat over three hundred persons. The educational department, which is 24 feet by 60 feet, will be fully equipped, and the parsonage, which is 25 feet by 31 feet, will be modern in every respect. The plant is valued at \$55,000 for labor and material, and the church hopes to have it paid, or nearly so, when it is dedicated in the spring.—J. Andrew Rafferty, Pastor.

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## GOSPEL EXPANDING IN KOREA

DALLAS, Texas (EP) South Korea is on the threshold of a new era in Christian expansion as a result of the recent war with the Communists, Methodist Bishop H. J. Lew said at Dallas. "We are building many churches, but the people are turning to Christianity in such numbers that we cannot build fast enough," he told newsmen. The American-educated leader of 200,000 South Korean Methodists is in the United States in connection with the Bishops' Appeal for Korea conducted in Methodist churches across the country on November 14.

## EISENHOWER CALLS FOR MORE BIBLE READING

NEW YORK (EP) President Eisenhower, in a letter to the American Bible Society here, declared that religious faith is "under massive attack by strongly entrenched atheistic materialism." The President wrote to endorse the World-wide Bible Reading program of the society, which is held each year from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

"In such a time, how clear it is that we should treasure and further every act which fuels the flame of our faith," President Eisenhower stated. "The observance of World-wide Bible Reading is such an act; and I prayerfully hope that its success this year will be greater—that its imprint in the hearts and minds of the peoples of the world this year be more pervasive—than ever before. I am sure that all who value faith and freedom join with me in congratulating those good people who annually bring to pass this meaningful observance."

President Eisenhower serves as honorary chairman of the sponsoring committee which includes both living ex-Presidents, Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman. Theme of this year's World-wide Bible Reading program is "Faith for Our Day." During the observance, people all over the world read a pre-selected passage of Scripture on the same day. More than 14,000,000 lists of the suggested day-by-day readings have been distributed, the society announced.

Governor Herman Talmadge conducted a church service at Macon, Georgia, as the State observed a "Day of Prayer for Rain in Georgia." The governor, speaking at Mabel White Memorial Church, said he believed "with all my heart" that God will answer prayers for relief from the drought if Georgians pray "with faith,

repentance, sincerity, fervency, and in the name of Christ. . . . There is no problem so great that it cannot be solved by fervent prayer reinforced by faith in God and His power to answer prayer."

## BIBLE EXHIBITION IN PARIS

PARIS, France (EP) Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish leaders participated in ceremonies here opening a Bible exhibition organized by the French Bible Alliance. M. Haag, Prefect of the Department of the Seine, presided at the ceremonies. Participating were Auxiliary Bishop Georges Chevrot, of Paris; Pastor Marc Boegner, head of the French Reformed Church; and Dr. Jacob Kaplan, Grand Rabbi of Paris.

The oldest item in the exhibit is the cuneiform Tell El Amarna tablet dating from about 1400 B.C. It was one of a series of letters exchanged between Pharaoh Amenophis IV, author of "Hymn to the Sun," traces of which are found in the 104th Psalm, and a minor Egyptian prince. Also included are several 14th century manuscript rolls used in synagogues, an Ethiopian manuscript of the 15th century, the first Bible printed in Paris (1476), and the first edition of the New Testament printed at Lyons in 1477. The modern section features a sixteen-volume Braille Bible and translations into Icelandic, Eskimo, Japanese, Tibetan, and Zulu.

## TELLS OF EXODUS OF JEWS FROM NORTH AFRICA

LOS ANGELES (EP) Within the next ten months, 50,000 North African Jews will have been settled in Israel, Mayor David Tuviah, of Beersheba, said here recently. He added that the Jewish people in North Africa are among the most impoverished to be found anywhere and they are being flown into the comparatively new state to start a new life.

Mayor Tuviah visited the city hall to present a picture album of Beersheba to Acting Mayor John S. Gibson, Jr. The visiting Mayor is credited with transforming the 6,000-year-old Biblical town of Beersheba into a thriving industrial city in less than five years.

He was accompanied on his visit to the city hall by Julius Fligelman, who will assume the Pacific Coast presidency of the Israel Histadrut campaign at the thirty-first annual conference. Mayor Tuviah came to Los

Angeles to be a guest speaker at the conference.

## KOREAN CHRISTIANS SACRIFICE TO SEND OWN MISSIONARIES

(EP) Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jarvis, of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, reporting a recent ten-day campaign in Korea which was attended by 1,200 nationals: "There were four services a day, the first one being a 4:00 a.m. prayer meeting. Two nights the meetings went all night long. The most striking feature, however, was when these precious Korean Christians, in response to the missionary challenge given them, gave 441,000 whan, the equivalent of more than \$2,500 U.S. at the official rate of exchange! They gladly gave their rings, fountain pens, rice, and even their clothes to send their own missionaries to other lands."

## CHURCHES IN GERMAN AREA SAID CLOSED

FRIEDLAND, Germany (EP) All churches in Koenigsberg, capital of the former East German province of East Prussia, are closed or have been converted into depots for the Soviet Army, according to refugees from the area who arrived here. Koenigsberg is located in the northern part of East Prussia, which was annexed by the Soviet Union after the war, while the southern part was annexed by Poland.

## BRITON DOUBTS WORLD CONFLICT NEAR

OMAHA, Nebraska (EP) British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery said here he does not think "there is a possibility of conflict in the world at this time." However, he added he thinks atomic bombs would be used if World War III broke out.

Montgomery made the remarks as he visited Offutt Air Force Base to inspect the Strategic Air Command Headquarters. He planned to fly then to Los Angeles, where he was scheduled to speak at the California Institute of Technology on the "Impact of the science of warfare on the future."

Evangelist Billy Graham is planning a preaching trip around the world in 1956. Next March he plans to return to Great Britain for a campaign in Glasgow, Scotland. He believes the spiritual resurgence in the world today has helped ease international tensions and feels he may make a further contribution to this cause by campaigns abroad.

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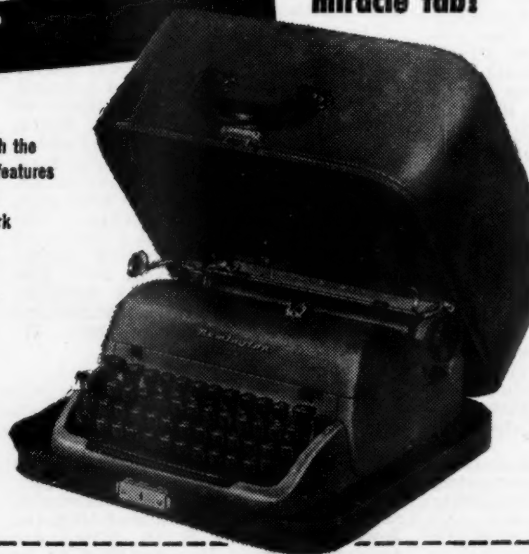
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